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I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1118 (1997) of 30 June 1997 by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (MONUA).

As you are aware, Maj.-Gen. Phillip Valerio Sibanda has been serving since October 1995 as Force Commander of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM III) and later of MONUA. Maj.-Gen. Sibanda, whose tour of duty will come to an end on 30 April 1998, has performed his duties with exemplary professionalism and dedication during one of the most critical periods in the United Nations involvement in Angola.

Following the usual consultations, it is my intention to appoint Maj.-Gen. Seth Kofi Obeng (Ghana) as Force Commander/Chief Military Observer of MONUA with effect from 1 May 1998. He is expected to arrive at his duty station in Angola during the second half of April to allow for a proper hand-over.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN

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